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Newry returns to the table for Scenic Byways

By ALISON ALOISIO

After sharing a variety of concerns with the state's Scenic Byways coordinator, Newry selectmen decided Monday to continue to have town representatives participate in the Grafton Notch Scenic Byway review process.

The board met with Coordinator Fred Michaud and Dina Jackson of the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments, who is facilitating the review.

A Byway Committee, comprised of interested local residents from Newry, Upton, Bethel and Greenwood, was tasked with updating a 2000 management plan for the 14-mile stretch of Route 26

through the Bear River Valley. The group was also asked to look at possibly extending the byway designation five miles south to Route 2, and to discuss possible marketing of the road, as a means of aiding in local economic development/tourism.

But after the first meeting in early February, concerns from landowners that the plan could lead Newry to enact ordinances to protect scenic views prompted selectmen to oppose extending the byway, and to end town participation on the committee.

They also asked if it would be possible to "de-designate" the existing 3.2 mile portion of the

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Delicious weather



On Sunday morning a group of hikers ascended Rumford White Cap in an outing organized by the Mehoosuc Land Trust. The group made the climb in temperatures more typical of May than March. Here, Carol Savage's dog Bruno enjoys a drink from a rock pool at the top. (Photo: C. Savage)

Woodstock town meeting:

Voters to allocate wind project tax revenue

By ALISON ALOISIO

Despite a \$70,000 increase in municipal appropriations and a recommended \$50,000 reduction in the amount of surplus funds typically used to reduce taxes, Woodstock voters will still likely enjoy a drop in their mill rate if they approve the budget proposed for Monday's annual town meeting.

The \$2.45 million overall budget represents a \$128,000 increase over last year, and includes county and estimated school shares.

Paying for it will be aided by a \$35 million increase in overall town valuation.

That jump is due largely to the addition of the Spruce Mountain LLC wind project valuation. The project will generate an estimated \$370,000 in increased tax revenue, with \$210,000 of it planned for tax reduction. Money articles

Several of the larger money articles incorporate the remainder of that new revenue.

The biggest chunk would be a proposed \$100,000 toward the repair of the Lake Christopher dam. The structure

has been leaking for about 15 years, and selectmen are concerned it could fail. They estimate the total cost could be in the range of \$200,000. To date the town has raised \$15,000 for the work.

Another \$60,000 of wind project revenue would be added to the road maintenance portion of the budget, with \$30,000 more than last year for work on the Concord Pond Road and \$30,000 more toward general paving and reclamation work. In Fire Department-related articles, the operating budget would increase by \$5,000 to \$55,000, if approved.

The department is also asking for authorization to spend up to \$50,000 to purchase a used squad truck, with the funds to come from the Fire Truck Reserve Account.

Another Fire Department article requests \$30,000 for the Enhanced Mutual Aid program with Greenwood, to fund the first full year of a program that began last July. The money pays for firefighters from the two towns to staff, on alternating days, the stations in each town.

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Woodstock fifth-graders are fish foster parents

By ALISON ALOISIO

For the past seven weeks, the fifth-graders at the Woodstock Elementary School have been preparing to become foster parents to some 200 Atlantic salmon.

In their classroom, in a 20-gallon aquarium with water kept precisely at 35 degrees, are pea-sized eggs of the endangered fish.

The class is participating in a program of the Atlantic Salmon Federation, which seeks to preserve the species and educate the public about it. Fifty-eight schools across Maine are taking part in the egg program.

The Woodstock kids received their eggs in early February, from a hatchery in Bar Harbor. They had to obtain a special permit for the project through the Maine Department of Marine Resources. (They even have an official birth certificate for their

brood.)

Atlantic Salmon have declined for several reasons, among them of pollution in the rivers where they spawn; dams that prevent them from returning to their spawning grounds; and overfishing in the North Atlantic off Greenland, where the adult fish live and where it is still legal to catch them. ASF hopes to help give the salmon a chance to survive as a species by populating the rivers where they begin life.

The eggs are expected to hatch in April, and in May the pupils will release the fry into the Androscoggin River, below Rumford Falls.

"I'm surprised how much they have developed since we got them," said Eli Cowles.

"About 80 percent of them hatch," said Morgan Prentice.

When they do, the kids

learned, they can't feed them. In order for the fish to know to return as adults to the Androscoggin to spawn, they must have their first meal in the waters to which they will return. The kids also learned that since the 1980s, the estimated number of salmon in the wild has declined from 4 million to 86,000.

"The rivers were dirty," said Abby Mink. "The fish are a sign of clean water."

Teacher Tonya Prentice said older residents along the Androscoggin River can remember catching the salmon in the river and tributary streams 40 or 50 years ago.

A couple of weeks ago, the class got a closer look at their eggs when SAD 44 Technology Education Technician Gary Inman came to visit with a microscope.

"You could see the gills moving," said Payton Abbott.

Also visible was the yolk, which feeds the developing fish.

As the eggs continue to grow, the class slowly raises the water temperature to match the anticipated spring temperature in the river. They receive temperature updates from ASF.

Other classes at WES are also taking advantage of the salmon's presence to study them, learning about their habitat and life cycle.

When released below the dam in Rumford, the fish that survive will live there for two or three years before swimming downstream to the ocean.

Adults, said Eli, "can be up to 12 or 13 pounds and three feet long, and weigh 30 pounds."

The kids, some of them fishermen, hope one day to see the

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Andover will negotiate with SAD 44 on AES

By ALISON ALOISIO

Andover voters Tuesday approved up to \$68,000 for negotiations with SAD 44 to keep the Andover Elementary School open next year. They also elected a new selectman and SAD 44 director.

And at the annual town meeting Saturday, residents banned consumer fireworks in town and OK'd researching a shared arrangement with other towns for a fire

department ladder truck.

Elections

Residents voted 210-97 to negotiate to pay up to \$68,000 to keep AES open next year.

After the School Board voted initially last year to close the school for this current school year, the town voted to pay an extra \$214,000 to keep it open. Selectmen hope to negotiate a lesser cost for 2012-2013. (Supt. Dave Murphy said Wednesday he expects an agenda item on the issue for Tuesday's board meeting.)

In elections to fill the seats of retiring Selectman Tru-

THE WEARING OF THE GREEN, THE SPENDING OF THE GREEN

Andover town officials (from front) Barbara Simmons (treasurer), Melinda Averill (town clerk) and Liz Wagstaff (secretary to the selectmen) smile in a lighter moment of discussion at Saturday's annual town meeting, held on St. Patrick's Day. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

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BASEBALL SIGN-UPS!

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ages 5 thru 15
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Minors - Majors
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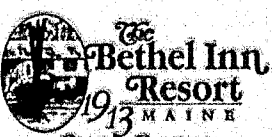
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Letters

CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER

To the Editor:

Having filed papers and been certified, I announce my candidacy for Oxford County Commissioner representing District 2 which consists of the following towns: Andover, Byron, Canton, Dixfield, Gilead, Hartford, Lincoln and Magalloway Plantation, Mexico, Newry, Peru, Roxbury, Rumford, Sumner, Upton, Milton Township and North Oxford.

I served as Oxford County Register of Deeds, East for 20 years. Prior to that, I was a selectman in the Town of Andover for a period of nine years where I participated in many local activities including the Andover Educational Fund as vice president since its inception in 1987. In addition I'm happy about what I consider my best contribution to Andover, the start of Olde Home Day in 1980, an event I chaired from 1980-1990, which continues today thanks to a dedicated committee led by Vickie and Marshall Meisner.

While involved in many civic activities I completed my higher education receiving a Professional Studies Degree from the University of New Hampshire in 1992 and a Master of Theological Studies Degree from Bangor Theological Seminary in 1999. I've been Pastor of the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ since 1991.

I am seeking office because my long association with county and town government gives me a unique perspective which understands how county government impacts the local tax commitment. I think long-term planning is essential if the rising cost of county government is to be contained and thus give tax relief to both towns and individual taxpayers. I will be running and financing my own campaign and will have further announcements regarding how that will be accomplished in a financially conservative manner.

Jane C. Rich
Andover

LURC REFORM WILL COST

To the Editor:

As the elected Treasurer of Oxford County, I am opposed to reform proposals to the Land Use Regulation Commission as outlined in the majority report to LD 1798. I attended and testified at the public hearing on the bill in February because the bill poses serious fiscal concerns for taxpayers in Oxford County, and all counties for that matter.

The majority report to LD 1798 would allow counties to opt out of LURC. If a county opts out of LURC and takes over land use planning, permitting, and zoning responsibilities, I wonder where the funds will come from to pay for it. I have no doubt that it would be more expensive than the current model and the cost would fall on county taxpayers. What do you think?

Oxford County, like most states and local governments, is facing challenging budgetary times. Oxford County UT is served through their own taxes and fees collected mostly by the state and delivered to the County to improve roads, insure public safety and other services. There is simply no money left to add a planning and code enforcement function should Oxford County opt out of LURC without reducing the current level of services. The only way to fund it would be to raise taxes in Oxford County, and I do not support that.

I would like to thank my State Representative Tom Windsor (R-Norway) for testifying against the bill at the public hearing in February. I urge him and the Legislature at large to oppose the majority report to LD 1798 because it would be more costly to Maine people.

Roy G. Gedat
Treasurer of Oxford County

ADDRESS FOR O'DONNELL CLIENTS

A Letter to the Editor in last week's Citizen from retiring Bethel Attorney Mike O'Donnell should have included his address for his clients to request their files: Michael O'Donnell, P.O. Box 511, Bethel ME 04217.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

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In situations where the letter writer has a political, economic, familial or other relationship that could be perceived as bearing on the topic addressed in the letter, we strongly suggest the writer make that relationship known in the text of the letter or after their signature.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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UMBAGOG PETITION PRESENTATION

To the Editor:

The date for the presentation of my petition concerning the Umbagog Wildlife Refuge and its takeover of Northern New Hampshire will be on March 24, at 11 a.m. in Sen Gallus's office across from City Hall in Berlin, N.H. The news of the acquisition of Big Island was in the Union Leader today. Another million dollars of taxpayer money spent on Paul Casey's empire. A month ago, we were told that acquisition of land in Errol was done. This latest acquisition is more nontaxable land that Errol has lost.

We are starting another petition to get our representatives and senators to come up here and listen to the residents of Errol, Upton, Cambridge, Wentworth Location, Magalloway, Coos County, and hear our concerns, and address things people have seen. They had their private tours with the unelected bureaucratic liars last year, and it is time to hear the people who actually pay for this land grab and the federal leeches who live off the taxpayers while simultaneously trying to destroy them.

The residents of Coos County deserve to be heard and we will be trying to set up the meeting as soon as possible before Paul Casey totally destroys this area. It is time that the people we pay to serve and represent the common citizens of Northern N.H. take the time to listen to our concerns and opinions on this beast and the leeches that are destroying our economy, our culture, and our way of life. Just about every mile of road in Errol now has those signs which tell us, this land belongs to the Feds and Paul Casey. Almost all refuge business goes to the one business in Errol that refused to carry my petition. There is a price to pay for using your First Amendment rights about an unelected Federal bureaucracy that has no real oversight.

The day is coming when our State of N.H. will finally see the damage this federal takeover is doing to our state, and get the courage to fight them with injunctions and court action. Every politician jumped on the Northern Pass protest, but only a couple have paid attention to this issue that is destroying our tax base, our logging industry, and ultimately will destroy Coos County for everyone but kayakers and bird watchers. America is becoming what my grandfather and his family lived with when they left Poland and sought freedom. The day will come when all of us Americans will look back on what these socialistic federal leeches have done to our country and regret that we did not stop them in their tracks. They are not doing this for ecological reasons, this is all about power, and assuring Paul Casey's rise in the ranks of the socialistic bureaucracy he serves so well. Ultimately, our government's reckless spending spree will end with a total economic collapse. It would be ironic if it hit when some of those Federal leeches retire and the checks don't come. Be looking in the next few weeks for our petition.

Robert Lord Jr.
Errol, N.H.

IN DEFENSE OF PAUL CASEY

To the Editor:

This letter is in regard to letters written by Bob Lord the last three weeks.

I am a neighbor of Paul Casey. I'm tired of Bob Lord putting him down. He is a very good neighbor and a good, hard-working man. Bob Lord gives him more power than he has. After all, Paul works for the Wildlife Refuge. He takes orders from them, he doesn't give them orders.

I have land in Upton they wanted to buy. I just said no, that was the end of it. B.L. said they forced you to sell. They didn't twist my arm.

I'm glad the Wildlife purchased the land around the lake; otherwise we would have a camp every 50 feet.

The lake is still wild and beautiful; that is why everyone loves it and would buy a piece of land if it was available.

Buster and I gave an easement several years ago to the Audubon of New Hampshire. It is a 100-acre woodlot. I can do everything I want except develop it. It borders the lake. We gave it to protect the lake.

The public landing on the lake brings in more than enough extra traffic.

I might agree with some of the things Bob Lord says in his position, but I certainly don't like his downing Paul Casey again and again. How do you think his family feels? Has B.L. forgotten the Golden Rule? "Do Unto Others As Others would Do Unto You." Think about it.

Virginia Williamson
Upton

4-H ALUMNI INVITED TO WALK

To the Editor:

Oxford County 4-H Alumni are cordially invited to participate in our 3rd Annual 4-H 5K Walk-a-Thon at Gouin Athletic Field at the Track in South Paris on May 5 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Join Oxford County 4-H in spirit or in walking the track with us to help make this year's Walk-a-Thon a prosperous fund-raiser. The money collected will be used to support programs and scholarships to benefit all 4-H county youth. We believe you can keep 4-H ideals, of Head, Hand, Heart and Health a part of your busy life by taking an active part in this event, either collecting donations and walking or making a donation.

We look forward to catching up with you. Join us in this effort to connect the past and the future of Maine 4-H by making this a fun and successful 4-H community fundraiser.

RSVP to the Oxford County Extension Office 207-743-6329 or send your donation to 9 Olson Road, South Paris, Maine 04281. Checks may be made out to Oxford County 4-H Leaders Association.

Cynthia Ouellette
Chairperson of Fundraising and 4-H Leader, What Ever Club, Norway

Celladore

'How do you get water?'

When we came to Celladore we were sewer-conscious, looked, found no evidence of any septic tank anywhere about. We wrote the former owner, dear Mrs. Sears, whom we bombarded with questions for a year. She answered that her family had never had any trouble for twenty-five years. She had gone to visit Mrs. Fields, a very old lady in a nursing home, who thought that the drain ran into an old deep-dug well gone dry in the south yard. We traced the route of pipes through the cellar wall. During the dry spell we noticed a small circle of brown grass at the foot of the lawn slope. We dug up the sod, found a great stone which could be a well cover, decided not to move it. If the system had worked for fifty years we, too, would trust it to continue. Later when we put an extra sink in the kitchen (the old sink was in the pantry), decided not to run the drain into the well. It seemed a tempting of fate that for fifty-five years it had been kind. Instead we constructed a proper system with a septic tank at the edge of the field. Grass grew luxuriously over it. The birds loved the stake that marked the spot as it was conveniently half way between the plum tree and the lilac that marked where the original house had stood. I, too, liked the stake as it was the only place a bird ever perched long enough for me to get the binoculars and have time to identify the species. Now, I myself had seen for sure an indigo bunting, a kingfisher. To be on the safe side, I always emptied pails of very dirty water from cleaning paint brushes or the attic, not down the drain, but on the Kensington garden rose bushes by the shed door.

One night in January after dinner guests had gone and B.B. sat by the living room fire reading the paper, I took a notion to wash all the dishes, usually left for daylight. I noticed that the first emptying of the dishpan did not run down very quickly, snatched a paper towel, cleared away the debris over the strainer, put away the clean glasses and gathered more dishes; the water had run away. I went on with the task. The last pan of water disappeared very slowly. I went top-side for the plunger we always kept behind the bathtub. I wondered why, since we never used it there. Below decks, a few swipes over the drain, a few grains of lye scattered about, boiling water poured on. The sink was empty but not acting properly. I decided to do no more until morning; by then by some magic the trouble might have disappeared.

I was up first and tried boiling water. It ran away but definitely something was wrong. I called B.B. and thought it strange he made no comment about my early rising or my nocturnal dish-washing. We breakfasted cheerfully, then I announced my discovery. B.B. said little. I evinced surprise. He explained it was not news; he had heard me last evening and he saw the plunger behind the stove this a.m. It was a beautiful sunshiny day; maybe the difficulty could be easily fixed.

B.B. disappeared. I threw the dishwater out the south shed door and saw him going toward the stake with a crowbar and a shovel. I shouted at him, "What are you doing? I'm just ready to try the plunger again."

"A waste of time," he answered, "You'll only force the water through the trap under the sink and make a mess. It has to be dug up."

I started to protest, then thought better of it, came back to the kitchen, poured a cup of boiling water, plunged, looked under the sink; it was doing exactly what B.B. had said it would. It wasn't that I didn't believe him (he was always right about all such situations), just that I had hoped for a miracle to spare him all the hard work. Then I snowshoed down to the stake (by noon, no need of snowshoes, many trips had beaten down a smooth path). He had cleared away the snow and was thumping up and down with the crowbar (an indispensable tool in the country). "Why are you doing this?" I asked. "To break through the frozen sod to get down to uncover the box."

I watched. Soon some cracks appeared. With a shovel we could lift a bit of dirt. It didn't look too difficult so I offered to help. For the first time this day came a trace of a smile as he answered, "Go ahead, but don't hit your feet by mistake." I boldly grabbed the bar and almost dropped it. It was much, much heavier than it looked to be. I thought at once of the lances of the medieval knights and of the whaler's harpoons and had a new respect for them. I make a thump, no dent at all in the sod, another thump. The bar did not come down in the same place, but wandered. I made another try, then gave up. B.B. took it back, did three thumps, came again the beautiful cracks. He told me I might as well run along and do something else. I'd be all day getting out one sod. All too true.

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Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: More than 88 skiers, riders and volunteers took part in the 17th annual Ski-a-Thon for Maine Handicapped Skiing and raised \$246,000.

Leon and Sandee Dunn were among the maple sugarcappers taking part in the statewide Maple Syrup Sunday.

Edna White was presented the Boston Post-Cane during the Town Meeting Lunch at Andover.

Deaths: Fourtin "Buc" Powell, Margaret L. Thornton, Nadine W. Miller.

20 years ago: The Bethel Fire Department's team placed second in the Firemen's Race held in conjunction with the Eat the Heat Chili Cookoff at Sunday River Ski Resort.

WCCB-10's Made in Maine program featured the work of Bryant Pond's Wilderness Medical Associates.

As the grand finale of a winter-long ski program, CPS pupils, parents and teachers enjoyed a day of skiing and a hot dog roast at Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Ski Center.

Deaths: Lisa Bean Thurston, Margaret H. Oakes, Fannie I. Baker.

30 years ago: The Telstar Boys' Basketball team was conducting fundraising projects to earn money for the team to attend Hoop Camp.

Heidi Moore and Brandi Dyer were the March winners in the "Math Facts" contest in Shirley Merrill's third grade at CPS.

Keith Clanton, 7th grader at Telstar Middle School, was the winner of the SAD-44 spelling bee.

Birth: Alana Dawn Ken-nagh.

Deaths: Dr. Theodore G. Cummings, Dr. Anthony R. Stone.

40 years ago: The wreckage of a plane reported missing in September on a flight from Belfast to Montreal was discovered on the southwestern flank of Spruce Mountain in Woodstock.

Gary Yates narrowly missed serious injury when his car ran head-on into a utility pole in front of John Swan's house at Locke Mills.

Bart Bailey, Craig and Keith Davis left by car for Denver and Vail, Colo., for a week.

Deaths: May Holt Kimball, Mrs. Daisy D. Bryant.

50 years ago: Mrs. John Jay Willard was selected to represent this area as a candidate for the honor of State Mother of the Year.

The Mothers Club sponsored a record hop at the Bear River Grange Hall to benefit the Newry schools. Admission was 35 cents.

Miss Sharon York, Bethel, and Miss Juanita Bernier, Upton, were among the contestants in the Miss Oxford County Scholarship Pageant.

Deaths: Walter G. Emery, Willis George Olson, Frank E. Conroy.

60 years ago: An open house was held for Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Bean in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Davis moved into their new home on Chapman Street.

Eight-year-old Nelson Smith underwent eye surgery at CMG Hospital after the point of a ski pole pierced both his upper and lower eyelids when he fell while skiing at his home.

Deaths: William E. Billington, Edgar E. Cross.

70 years ago: The town clerk, Alice J. Brooks, asked men and women to register for duty at observation posts.

Mr. and Mrs. William Von Zint and Gilbert Brown had employment in Augusta, Ga.

Deaths: Maude S. Newall, Alva Shurtleff Jackson.

80 years ago: Gordon Lathrop came from Sanford to work at the Citizen Office.

State Road jobs paid laborers 32 cents an hour.

Deaths: Joseph S. Rich, Mrs. Emma Towne Robinson, Mrs. Laura R. Maxim.

90 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark were spending the winter in California.

M. A. Naimey purchased the S. H. Wentzell stand on Main Street.

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Newry

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byway located in Newry, Michaud said Monday if the town wanted to opt out of the existing byway, the state would want to see a special town meeting in order to vote on the issue. "It's not easy to decertify it," he said.

He also said if Newry withdrew, he wasn't sure if the remaining portion of the byway would be enough to hold it together. If this town goes, is it still a byway?"

Selectman Brooks Morton, a member of the committee, shared a list of points or opinions illustrating the concerns of residents he had talked to along the corridor.

Among them: Newry's 2005 Comprehensive Plan referenced the 2000 byways plan; an ordinance to establish a Hillside Overlay District several years ago also referenced the 2000 plan (the ordinance proposal was defeated at a town meeting); the management plan is invalid for planning purposes; the Byways program undermines home rule; Newry has adequate provisions in its current ordinances to manage the land along Route 26; economic benefits to residents have not been proven; there are safety concerns because of the condition of the road; Byway residents did not ask the state to initiate the review process.

Sylvia Gray, who was a member of the committee that drew up the 2000 plan, told selectmen, "there are a lot of things in that plan that never came from the committee."

She also said the primary impact would be on road residents. "It's people who live along the byway who will be impacted, not people from Bethel," she said.

Former Selectman Steve Wight said most residents along Route 26 "wouldn't put money into tourism promotion."

He also asked about the makeup of the current committee.

"If the towns that the byway passes through are the only ones involved, why are people from Greenwood and Bethel and everywhere on the committee?"

Michaud said there is also

a regional interest in the byway, and that business interests are "a voice to be heard," along with such groups the Nature Conservancy and the Grafton Notch State Park. "There are stakeholders here who have a dog in the fight," he said. "But I'm not sure if inviting non-residents along the byway into the process helps the process much. In fact, I think it may make mute some of the voices."

Selectman Wendy Hanscom said the board is sensitive to landowner concerns in the wake of a December town meeting that saw the defeat of a proposed Newry Conservation Commission, which would have had no power other than to advise selectmen.

"We're still feeling a little tender from that," she said. Wight asked about "a rumor going around that [according to the 2000 Byway plan] landowners would have to sign some sort of an agreement. Is that true?"

Jackson said there was a suggested voluntary agreement to manage land with visual and environmental interests in mind, but it was never implemented. She said she did not expect it to be part of an updated plan.

Added Michaud, "Somebody's gone a lot further than I'm ever going to ask anybody."

He said he had been involved in Byways plans from other parts of the state that included assurances that landowners' use of their land would not be impeded.

He suggested that the committee work continue. "Let's go through the plan and see what comes out at the other end," he said.

Hanscom said she saw no harm in going through the process.

Morton agreed, but stressed the importance of removing portions from the 2000 plan that would be a concern to landowners.

The next meeting of the committee will be April 9 at 3 p.m. at the Newry Town Office.

In other business at Monday's meeting, Hanscom was elected chair of the selectboard.

Letters continued

To the Editor:

Earth Hour will happen on Saturday night, March 31, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. I am writing to ask that you consider participating in this 60-minute window of time when you turn off all lights and unnecessary appliances to reduce your electricity consumption to almost zero. Earth Hour is an event held worldwide in an effort to make a stand against climate change. Since we live in a community that depends on a cold climate to support the ski industry, I think it is important that we start to pay attention to our unnecessary energy consumption that results in unnecessary carbon dioxide emissions to the atmosphere and warming of our planet. It is easy to say that we as individuals are not part of the problem and if we make small changes, it won't really matter. However, I think small changes made by individuals are critical because if you do this and your friend does it and your friend's friend does it, you are suddenly multiplying small change by big numbers and that results in big change and clear messages being sent to the leaders of this country.

Earth Hour may seem like a token event, but maybe it could be a starting point for thinking about your family's energy consumption and how it could be decreased with very little change in lifestyle. The average family in Maine uses 521kWh of electricity every month. That number is actually the lowest in the nation, but can we go lower? Can we knock off 100kWh each month from our bill? That would save \$15 a month and \$180 a year. Can we turn off TVs, computers, stereos and lights when we are not directly using them? If you are not sure what is consuming a lot of electricity in your home, consider borrowing a Kill-A-Watt monitor from your local library. My physics classes just ran the numbers for comparing the purchasing and running of three types of light bulbs on the market right now. The three types are incandescent, compact fluorescents (CFLs) and LEDs. Though the incandescent bulbs can only cost 19 cents a piece to buy, it would mean purchasing 25 of them to match the lifespan (25,000 hours) of one LED or 2.5 CFLs. It would also cost \$227 in electricity to run the incandescent for 25,000 hours, whereas it only costs about \$50 for the electricity to run the LED or CFL. If you replace your incandescent light bulbs with LED or CFLs you will save \$177 per light fixture over the course of 25,000 hours of electricity use. So, making these changes is good for the pocketbook and good for the environment, a win-win situation.

I hope you will enjoy Earth Hour on Saturday night and I hope that you will consider changes that will take us beyond Earth Hour as well.

Sarah Southam
Bethel

CORRECTION

ADDITIONAL USE OF THURSTON FUNDRAISER MONEY-A "Briefly" item in last week's Citizen regarding the allocation of \$4,065 in funds raised last fall for Matthew Thurston, who later died from injuries sustained in a car accident, should also have said that some of the money was used for mortuary costs.

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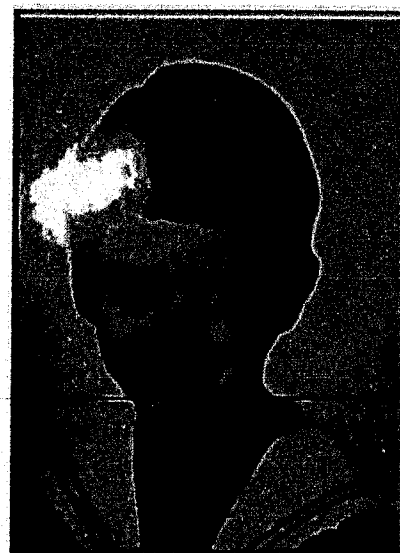


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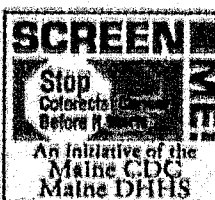
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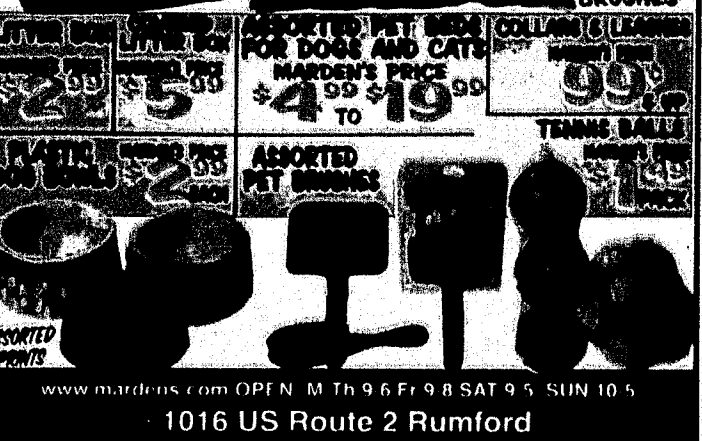
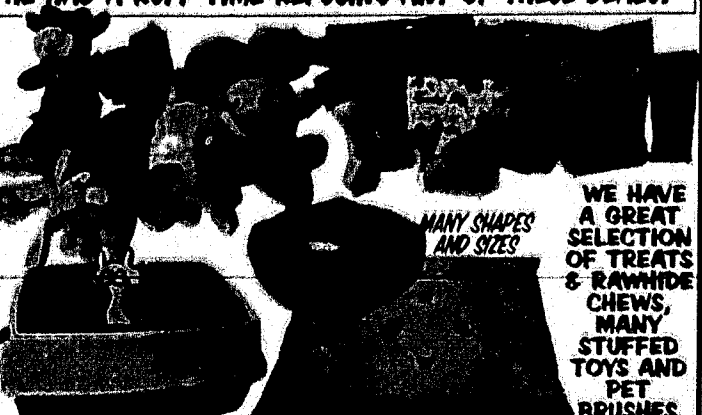
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Woodstock

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More requests for General Assistance last year have prompted selectmen to more than double the request for that account, from \$6,000 to \$15,000.

Another article requests \$6,000 to help support funding for an addition for the Veterans' Monument at the Whitman Library.

An article that appropriates funds to cover tax abatements and discounts on taxes paid early is proposed to increase from \$21,000 last year to \$30,000, as the town anticipates Spruce Mountain LLC to take the discount.

If all the money articles are approved, the mill rate is projected to be 12.09, down from 12.85.

Ordinances

Voters will also consider four new ordinance proposals: a "Quiet Zone" designation for Bryant Pond Village, to discourage large trucks from using jake brakes; a moratorium on new commercial wind power projects for a year, while a committee crafts a new ordinance to regulate such projects in the future; a fireworks ordinance banning the sale (but not the use) of consumer fireworks in town;

and an ordinance establishing an occupancy permit, which owners of new buildings would sign to verify they had met all local building requirements.

In elections for municipal positions, the three-year terms of Selectman Rick Young, SAD 44 Director Sheryl Morgan, and Library Trustee Stacey Miller are expiring. All are expected to run again, said Town Manager Vern Maxfield, who also said he does not know of anyone running in opposition. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Woodstock Elementary School.

Andover

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dy Akers and SAD 44 Director Sid Pew, Judy Tabb won the selectman contest 155-148 over Kim Pearce-Gautreau, while Mark Shraiberg defeated Wally Smith 174-113 for the director's seat. Both positions are three-year terms.

Incumbent Fire Chief Rob Dixon won over challenger Butch Glover, 180-125.

Incumbent Town Clerk/Tax Collector Melinda Averill was re-elected to both seats over write-in Elaine Morton, 250-24 and 255-21, respectively.

Another incumbent, Road Commissioner Marshall Meisner, got 243 votes to write-ins Dave Dolloff (18 votes) and Mark Farrington (5 votes).

Town meeting

Saturday's town meeting saw about 100 people turn out. Consumer fireworks will be illegal in Andover, following a lively debate and vote.

The state last year legalized such fireworks, but left towns the option of banning them within their own borders.

Several Andover citizens requested the ban, citing concerns that fireworks might start fires.

Wayne Delano opposed it. "Yes, it can start a fire, but so do cigarettes, so does logging," he said. Are we going to ban everything? Fireworks are used 99 percent on one day of the year."

But Leon Akers said he recalled in the year 1950 that a half dozen fires were started in the region by fireworks. He said they could be used any time of the year, and worried youngsters under 18 would use them, with dangerous results.

Paula Lee said she was concerned they would be used in the woods, posing a fire danger there.

For Andrea Savitch; it was a health concern. If people without insurance were severely injured, she said, "it's my tax money supporting them for the rest of their lives."

The article passed easily.

AFD, highways

On another fire-related issue, the town will be relying on the Mexico Fire Department's ladder truck to respond to chimney fires, and other fires needing its services, for the near future. Voters turned down spending \$11,000 to fix Andover's 1975 truck in order for it to pass safety certification.

The response from Mexico will take approximately 15 minutes longer than one from the Andover station, Fire Chief Rob Dixon said.

In the meantime, the AFD will explore a possible regional agreement with Mexico and Rumford to share a new truck. Dixon said such an arrangement should not cost Andover more than \$5,000 a year, but the response time would continue to be longer than if Andover purchased its own truck.

Residents approved a match of \$7,700 to go with a federal grant of \$146,300 to buy 22 new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Equipment packs for the AFD.

Several people questioned the number of packs for the size of the department, but Dixon said he was told he needed to request that number to get the grant. He said the packs would need to be

replaced in the near future anyway, and the grant would save the town a lot of money.

Townpeople approved raising \$10,000 from taxes and taking \$32,000 from a capital account to purchase a new one-ton truck, with plow, for the Highway Department.

But they turned down an article to spend \$300,000 to fix a one-mile stretch of the Farmer's Hill Road.

Rebuilding the road has been discussed for the past several years, and road resident Sid Pew described it as "the worst road in town."

But several residents objected to spending that amount of money on a mile of road, especially because bond payments on previous roadwork will continue for another nine years.

Road Commissioner Marshall Meisner suggested building up an account to fix the road over time. But Pew argued that during the time the town was saving, the cost for the work would likely double, and another bond would make more sense.

The article was defeated, 52-14.

Voters altered several smaller money articles to change the source of funds for some expenses, or how funds would be used.

Town employees also received raises.

Outdoor sign, town administrator

Residents approved accepting a gift of an outdoor sign from the Andover Service Circle displaying town and nonprofit organization information. It will be placed near the tennis courts.

Turned down was a proposal to form a study committee for a town administrator or manager form of government. Discussion was so brief leading up to the vote that one resident asked to return to the article, but a large majority wanted to move on.

The meeting was moderated by Kevin Scott.

Fish

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adult salmon in the Androscoggin.

When these fifth-graders are done with the project, the

aquarium, temperature controls and other equipment will remain at WES.

It was all purchased by the

PTA, and will be available for future classes of pupils who also want to become fish foster parents.



STUDYING SALMON-The fifth-graders at the Woodstock Elementary School are watching over 200 Atlantic Salmon eggs that are expected to hatch next month. Pictured in front of the aquarium are, front (from left): Bryce Koskela, Eli Cowles, Joe Scotte, Brad Lessard. Middle: Morgan Prentice, Payton Abbott, Bethany Laird. Back (standing): Kyle Morin, Joe Dillon, Abby Mink. Absent: Elizabeth McLeod and Toby Walker. Inset: an egg under the microscope.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

How about this crazy weather??? You'll hear no complaints from me about unseasonably warm temperatures. Every day I can keep my thermostat turned off is a good day for my pocketbook, so no complaints here.

However, (isn't there always a however?) I do have concerns. After an unusually mild winter and temperatures lately closer to late May or early June than March I can't help but wonder what's in store for us that we aren't going to be happy about.

I feel a little like we're living in a Sci-Fi film where everything is turned around. Recently there were severe snowstorms in Arizona and New Mexico while the temperature soared to 80 degrees in Maine. Isn't that a bit turned around? What's up with that??

Again, I'm not complaining, I just tend to worry a bit. I know I should take each warm day as a bonus and not worry about tomorrow, but that's just not my nature.

Saving on the high cost of fuel is definitely a bonus, but I can't help but feel that we will pay in other ways.

The big oil companies will not sacrifice their extremely high profits just because homeowners are not consuming as much oil as they normally do this time of the year. You can bet your bippy (whatever that is) that they will make up for it at the gas pumps all summer long. Gosh, don't get me started on that subject!

Obviously I don't think too kindly on the oil industry, but I do have a soft spot for the maple syrup industry and they have to be hurting. Admittedly, I have never tapped a maple tree in my life so I know very little about such things, but lack of knowledge has never shut me up.

"Therein lies my concern; something weird is bound to happen."

It seems to me that tapping trees in March of this year when the trees think it's May will lead to low sap production. Low sap production leads to a smaller volume of maple syrup and a smaller volume of maple syrup leads to premium prices.

I guess I shouldn't complain because I'm not trying to make a living on maple syrup, I just like it on my pancakes. I do feel badly for the people who depend on a good sap season to make ends meet though.

If the warm weather keeps going the way it has been gardeners, unlike maple syrup producers, will be reaping a bounty of early crops. I certainly won't complain about having fresh peas weeks ahead of schedule should that come to pass.

My flowerbeds are coming to life way sooner than they usually do. Heck, usually this time of the year my flowerbeds are still frozen under snow. Now I have plants popping through the soil on a daily basis. I expect to enjoy blooms of very early tulips unless something weird happens.

Therein lies my concern; something weird is bound to happen. In a Sci-Fi movie one of two things would happen. Scenario number one would be a giant prolonged freeze killing off all the early buds and destroying all the trees. Spring and summer would eventually arrive but there would be no flowers, foliage or fruit. That would definitely get me complaining.

In Sci-Fi scenario number two the current weather pattern would continue to escalate and we'd be in full summer by the end of April with tornados and hurricanes hitting us by June. And, of course there would be an alien presence and that would set me off with complaining and probably get me beamed up to some other planet or vaporized just to shut me up.

But, we are not living in a Sci-Fi movie no matter how strange the weather is and the only thing alien going on is unusually warm temperatures.

I guess I'll just take today as another bonus. My thermostat is off and my furnace is amazingly quiet and the way I see it I simply can't complain about that.

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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



Temperatures were in the seventies this past weekend, melting much of the snow and ice in the area. Although I did not find spring daffodils or crocuses, which have been reported in other towns, I did find a patch of budded Mayflowers alongside one of my snowshoe trails.

Coming up this weekend is a full schedule of sporting activities at Sunday River Ski Resort. We may not have

show down here in the valley, but there is plenty of snow on the mountain. The 4th Annual Dumont Cup is March 23-24. The Dumont Cup, established by Bethel native Simon Dumont, is the biggest pro-am freeskiering event in the world with competitors from the U.S., Canada, and Europe. If you can't attend the events this weekend, the Dumont Cup will be televised on NBC Sports on April 10 from 12:30 to 1:30 a.m. as part of the Red Bull Signature Series.

Sunday, March 25, is the 22nd Annual Eat the Heat Chili Cookoff and Firefighters Race at Sunday River. Teams of firefighters in full turnout gear will race with hoses down the slopes. Funds raised

from the race and the chili cookoff go to Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation. The events start at 10 a.m.

Sunday, March 25, is also Community Ski Day for SAD 44 residents at Sunday River Ski Resort. You can ski and rent equipment free and participate in Adult Learn to Ski/Ride Clinics (if you are 15 or older). Pre-registration is required for the clinics. For information on any events or to pre-register for the clinic go to the website www.sundayriver.com.

Don't forget that Sunday, March 25, is Maine Maple Sunday. Sugar houses will be offering demonstrations of how maple syrup is made and samples of syrup and candy. Some sugar houses offer snacks or meals, games, tours, and farm animals. For a list and map of sugar houses participating in Maine Maple Sunday, visit the website www.maineappleproducers.com.

Girl Scout cookies are here. If no one came to your home or workplace to sell cookies, you can still buy them. Girl Scouts will be at the Bethel Foodliner selling cookies on Sat., March 24, from 2 to 6 p.m.

A Public Community Supper will be held Wednesday, March 28, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar). There is no charge. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 824-2289.

"Eating for Healthy Aging" is the topic of a program to be given by Pat Watson, Registered Dietitian, on Thursday, March 29, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church at 32 Church Street in Bethel. To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College offers this program because many people have requested information on the nutritional needs of aging.

Watson, a registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator, has a Master's degree in nutritional sciences. She has been employed at Stephens Memorial Hospital for 22 years. In 2010, the Maine Dietetic Association honored Watson as the Outstanding Dietitian of the Year. Her program will include planning healthy meals for one or two people, maintaining a healthy weight as one ages, and how to get more fiber into the diet. The public is invited and admission is free. FMI call Rosa-



GET A BAG AND GO GREEN-Fun new shopping bags are available at the Bethel Area District Exchange. They are made from recycled grain bags and have added cotton and calico trim. Exchange volunteer Sally Smith suggested making these as a fundraiser and two other volunteers joined her, Maryvonne Wheeler and Kathy Westleigh. The three of them have been sewing them at home. The bags are for sale at the District Exchange and cost \$5. Proceeds go to benefit the Food Pantry. The District Exchange is open Monday 1-4, Thursday 4-6, and Saturday 10-12. Shown here with a sample of these bags are volunteers: Donna Corriveau, Pat Hicks, Kathy Westleigh, and Debby Wyde. (Photo: Betsey Foster)

belle Tiff at 824-253.

If you have news you'd like to share, please call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancybrown1150@yahoo.com.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



Due to some kind of glitch there was no news for our area last week in the paper. So, let's get caught up with the "old" news first.

Congratulations are in order. Tina Coolidge and Brian Corey welcomed their son, Ryan Carmine Corey, on March 7. He weighed an amazing 9 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches long. Corey and Taylor are very happy big sisters. Congratulations to the whole family!

Belated Happy Birthday wishes from the neighborhood go to Ruby Coolidge who celebrated her birthday on March 12.

Ann Crockett visited her mother, Pauline in Waterville, who is recuperating from knee replacement. We all wish her a speedy recovery. Ann also told me that Paige's sister, Andrea, and her daughter, Isabella, are here visiting from Oklahoma, and her sister, Mackency, is also here from Arizona.

Bettyanne Hasting recently

went to South Scarborough and met up with Jack and Julie Warwick at Cabellas. Last weekend Jeff and his daughter came to ski at Sunday River. Jennifer is a freshman at UMO and loves it.

Here is the new Trivia question: which is also still from last week. Who did I buy my house from and what can you tell me about them? Now I can move on to the new items.

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belle Tiff at 824-253.

On March 9, Alder River Grange 145 had a regular meeting with eight members present at Stan Howe's home. It was decided that they will host a Reunion for the East Bethel School on June 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and at this time the Alder River Grange will also present the Community Service Award to a member of the community. They hope that the two teachers who are still living and who taught at the East Bethel School will be able to come. James Haines was elected the new Overseer as Brother Peter Haines has passed away. The next meeting will be on April 13 at the Hall.

I would love to hear from you about your thoughts on this amazing weather. Seems like we went from winter to summer. Call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net.

So, get that sunblock out and enjoy the outdoors.

OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Wednesday, March 14

At 5:30 p.m. on Main Street a vehicle stop by Cpl. Brian Landis resulted in the arrest of Edward Jones, 38, of West Paris for violation of conditions of release.

Thursday, March 15

At 5:02 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland and Deputy Josh Wyman responded to the Walkers Mills Road for a report that a vehicle had hit a patch of ice and slid into a pole.

At 9:20 a.m. a caller reported a vehicle on Route 2 with no tail lights. Cpl. Brian Landis was assigned.

Saturday, March 17

At 8:30 a.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to the West Bethel Road for a rollover accident. The driver was not injured.

At 2:03 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown was notified by the animal control officer of pets he had removed from a property on Vernon Street.

At 3:30 p.m. a caller reported horses with saddles running loose on Route 2. Deputy Mike Halacy responded.

At 5:44 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco responded to the Androscoggin River for a report of a capsized kayak. The kayaker was out of the water, on an island. The Bethel Fire Department used its rescue boat to bring the subject to shore.

At 5:26 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown received a complaint of harassing text messages.

Sunday, March 18

At 5:32 a.m. a report was received of a window broken on Main Street. There were a series of criminal mischief complaints. Cpl. Chaney Libby was assigned. The Rumford Police Department reported a similar rash of calls.

At 5:32 a.m. Deputy Dani Welch received a report of several shots taken on Main Street, shattering a door window.

At 10:48 a.m. a caller reported his windows were broken out of his car. He also said there was another behind his that had been beaten up.

At 5:39 p.m. Deputy Mike Halacy responded to Route 2 for an accident with no injuries.

Monday, March 19

At 10:08 p.m. a caller on Main Street asked to speak to a deputy regarding harassment. Deputy Josh Wyman was assigned.

At 7:16 p.m. Deputy Matt Noyes responded to Route 2 for a truck-deer accident.

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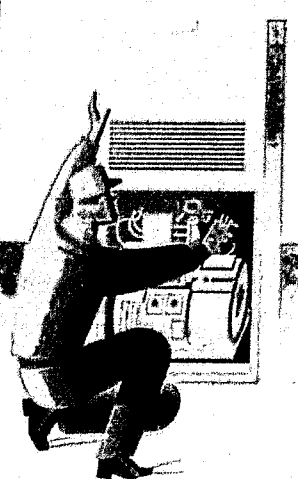
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Andover

By JANE RICH

The main news around town was the well-attended Town Meeting on Saturday with around 100 persons present. Elections will be held Tuesday this week including a referendum question concerning funding for our school for the 2012-13 school year. In a flyer, distributed to all postal users the Save Our School Committee pointed out these interesting facts. The 2010 census documents 149 children in Andover under the age of 18. In 115 years, only 19 classes have had over 15 students. Student population has stayed about the same with some ups and downs as can be expected. Research across the state shows that when a District closes a school, a School District's costs end up rising faster than if the school remained open. The plus about our local school is the very individual attention children received because of small classes. The SOS Committee is hopeful people will realize that losing our school will have a profound effect on our town and will cut our chances of attracting new businesses to the community.

While Town Meeting was going on, a group of several quilters were cutting, sewing and quilting at the Christian Education Building. This group meets monthly. If you'd like to participate get in touch with Shirley York, 369-0575.

Then there's the excellent weather on Sunday which saw many of us walking around the square or the common. Can it really be March? While I would have liked to be one of them, I wasn't since there was an Oxford County Democratic Committee



meeting at the Crescent Park School which I'm sure will be reported on by Cathy Newell, County Chair, in another article in this paper.

The Easter Egg Hunt here in Andover is a tradition of long standing for our children which has been organized by the Mills family. You can donate to this project by placing your gift in the jars located in local stores. The Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 7.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN

Summer has arrived, at least for the moment! Who knows what the next few days will bring. Those of us, who have lived in Maine for quite some time, know that you never get fooled by the weather.

My brother, Steve McLain, called Saturday to let us know that Brad had a mishap while riding his horse and was on the way to the hospital.

Our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, spent Saturday night with us. We picked her up in Gorham, N.H., from a birthday party for one of her friends. She said she had a great time and Bobo T. Clown was there to perform. We took her back home Sunday morning and met Tim and Michele for breakfast at Welch's Restaurant.

Steve and Lise McLain went to Portland Sunday to visit their son, Brad, at Maine Medical Center. His wife, Carole, has been spending time with him. There have been inquiries, which are appreciated, from concerned neighbors. Brad is doing well, but as of Sunday evening, he will have to be in the hospital at least until Monday. When all three horses spooked at once, Brad and another rider were thrown onto the ground. Car-



ole was fortunate enough to be able to jump off her horse. She said that something like this has never happened before and does not know what scared all three horses at once.

Hugh's brother, William Lord, called last Sunday to chat for awhile. He is still having a great time on the I Grew Up in Bethel Facebook page. The site now has 355 members and over 800 photos that have been posted. Great fun!

Steve and Lise McLain attended the Rotary Country Breakfast last Sunday and they stopped at Crosstone Restaurant for dinner on their way back from Portland.

Lise McLain attended the Senior Citizen Club potluck dinner/meeting last Wednesday at the Methodist Church.

Mary Tyler is enrolled in a Western Mountains Senior College course that Jean Waite (Director of Adult and Continuing Education) is teaching. It is about women in the Civil War and based on a Civil War Diary of a woman who lived in Upton, Maine. Mary is compiling some of the genealogical information presented at the first meeting into a spreadsheet (using a special program) so that each class member can have a copy. She stopped by to show me what progress she had made.

Norm Buttrick was at the house Saturday to drop off some hinges for the doors for the schoolhouse that Barry Carver will be installing.

On Feb 29 Morgan McLean, daughter of Alicia Taylor, was recognized at a school assembly with a Hero Award and a Super Hero Award. Her award states that "Super Heroes perform great actions that set them aside from other students. This 6th-Grade student has done just that in the beginning of the 2nd half of the year. Her effort on assignments, changed attitude in classes and persistence has been noticed by teachers and reflected in her grades. Practice truly does make perfect and this student is modeling how effort and determination to succeed can make all of the difference in performance!"

Congratulations to Morgan!

"Eating for Healthy Aging" is the topic of a program to be given by Pat Watson, Registered Dietitian at Stephens Memorial Hospital, on Thursday, March 29, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel. To

Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College offers this program due to many requests for the nutritional needs of aging.

You'll learn about planning healthy meals for one or two people, keeping a healthy weight as you age and how to get more fiber in your meals. There will be handouts and simple recipe ideas. The public is invited and admission is free. FMI call Rosabelle Tiff at 824-2503.

Town Office

Remember that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 31 at the Town Hall at 7 p.m. Anyone who is a resident of Gilead and needs to register should arrive early. The Registrar will be available at 6:30 p.m. to register new voters.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER

The Greenwood Building Committee met again to discuss what will be done about replacing the town office. The current options being considered are: Renovate, existing building; move town offices to the Town Hall on Route 26; tear down existing building and replace with either a modular unit or a stick-built unit. If other options come up, those will be looked at.

Steve Merrell of KBS Building was at the recent meeting and he will be preparing a quote for a modular town office on the current site. Town Manager Kim Sparks said they will also seek quotes on a stick-built one. She said that town officials hope to have a final town office proposal ready to present at the 2013 town meeting.

The Budget Committee had their final meeting and will be announcing the date soon for a public hearing on the proposed budget.

A draft of the proposed noise ordinance is now available at the Town Office. This will be voted on at town meeting so pick up a copy now to see what we will be considering.

Six Greenwood children took advantage of the free skiing, lessons, and equipment offer at Mt. Abram this win-



ter. They offered the free package to Greenwood children for Sunday skiing February and March, Thanks, Mt. Abram, for doing that.

Baseball, softball, and t-ball signups are March 27, 29, and 31 at the Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond, 6-7:30 p.m. the first two dates, and 10-noon on March 31. OK, girls and boys get your favorite adult to take you over and sign you up to have fun. \$15 registration per child. It tires the kids out and gets the adults out of the house to watch. Can't beat that for twice the price!

Good news on the food front. A new restaurant will be opening soon in Bethel. The Route 2 Diner at Rumford Point is opening a branch at what was previously Isabella's on Main Street across from the grocery store. The food at the original one is very good. Hope that will continue in Bethel. Of course, it would be even better to hear that Jordan's Restaurant has come back from the past. I doubt that will happen.

What has come back are the red-winged blackbirds. They showed up en masse a week ago. Several dozen were scavenging the ground under the feeders. Another spring delight! In fact, we are at the time of year where there seems to be something new every day whether it is birds returning, perennials popping up, ice disappearing, or the sound of peepers.

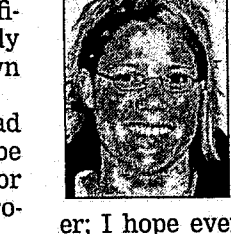
Speaking of ice disappearing, I'm picking April 8 for ice-out on Round Pond. Any takers?

You can send me news at 3tachi6@gmail.com

Greenwood City

By MINDY SWEETSER

Well, hello, official day of spring! We are really getting spoiled with this pre-spring weather; I hope everyone took advantage of the gift sent by nature and was able to get out of the house and enjoyed the free vitamin D from the sun and soaked up some of the energy that is so vibrant and abundant. The wilderness is so busy right now transforming its beauty at a more peculiar fast pace. It seems we may



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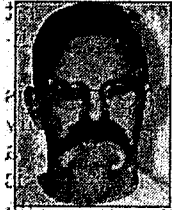
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not redeemable which is a shame! We counted \$13 in total, which was a lot for such a short distance. If they were worth five cents like Maine deposit I bet there would not be so many. I think New Hampshire should consider adopting the bottle deposit, then that would illuminate a lot of littering. It's such a disgrace to see.

My thought for the week is: the secret of health for both mind and body is to not mourn for the past, worry about the future, or anticipate troubles but to live the present moment. Don't follow your dream, live your dream!

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Upton Historical Society will meet Sunday, March 25, at 1 p.m. in the Upton House. On the agenda will be: Cleanup crews for Forest Lodge, early May for outside work and mid June for the inside cleanup. Other items to be discussed will include the theme for the parade, and potential fundraisers. Please bring your pictures of the Upton House, current or very old, or anything in between. This is the house that will be featured on this year's tee shirt, and a large variety of pictures to choose one from will be good. The Ladies Aid Association had an excellent turnout for breakfast Sunday. They drafted members, and some non members, as they entered the building, to help with the cooking, waiting, and cleanup. The "Krystal Carnival" was not as well attended as hoped. However, the kids and adults that went had a lot of fun and won lots of prizes. The Easter sunrise service, April 8, will be held outside the Upton House. Following the service, breakfast at the Ladies Aid will be free to the public. Sometime in early May the Ladies will do their spring cleaning in and around their building. Contact Carol if you want to help or for more information (Smilingabby@yahoo.com). The ladies have decided on Aug. 18 for the date for Upton Fun Day.

It has been reported to me that church services will begin May 6. The Upton Planning Board will meet Friday, March 30. They will have their usual workshop from 6 to 7 p.m., then starting at 7 they will review building permit applications and conduct other business as requested. The weather is unbelievably nice, but at 1,800 foot elevation, nothing is yet green or blossomed, and on the end of the gravel road, where I live, the mud is deep. I am thoroughly sick of mud and I can't wait for some spring color. Mud season is not my

favorite time of year.

Please call me @ 533-2010 with your news or send an e-mail to backstjoe@gmail.com. Thank you.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



The ice went out of the Androscoggin River through Hanover early last week. We wouldn't recommend crossing the river with a snow machine. If anyone needs to cross the river they can use a boat after registering it at the Town Office.

An early spring warm-up is rapidly melting the snow. The snowmen the granddaughters made the week before are now bare ground. A lot of folks are getting a head start on their raking and other spring clean-up.

The Hanover Assessors have scheduled their annual meeting for Saturday, March 31, between 9 and 10 a.m. This is the meeting anyone should attend, if they have questions about their property valuations. The valuations established at this time will help determine the tax rate for the 2012/2013 tax year.

Both Irv Robinson and Jim Rector continue recovery from their respective surgeries. We hope they soon feel as good as new!

You can learn about planning healthy meals for one or two people and keeping healthy as you age. The Western Mountains Senior College is offering a program "Eating for Healthy Aging" presented by a registered dietitian Pat Watson from Stephens Memorial Hospital on March 29 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel. More information can be gleaned from Rosabelle Tiffit at 824-2053.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library had a trustees' meeting on Tuesday, March 13, at the library. The group continued working toward the summer programs and the Fall Fest in October.

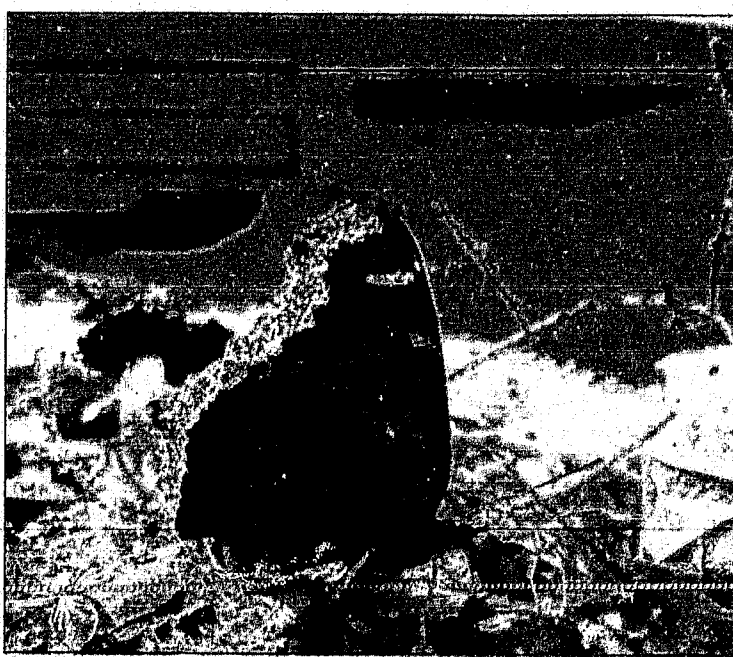
The Hanover Planning Board is scheduled to meet Wednesday, April 4, at 6 p.m.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



The first days of Spring and the weather is delightful. I know it won't last, but it has been wonderful having these days of sun and warmth. Tasha almost felt it was too warm; she still has what remains of her fur coat, after all. The mud is thick in North Norway and our road is no slack in the mud department, either. We just washed our vehicles and I do not expect it to last more than a day. But for



MORE SIGNS OF AN EARLY SPRING-Laurie Bailey got this photo March 20 at the home of her parents, Frank and Jane Vogt, in Bethel. In checking their field guide, the Vogts' best guess is that the insect is a Weidemeyer's Admiral butterfly.

today, they look shiny and almost new.

The Rotary Buffet Breakfast was great last Sunday. The Davids went to the dump and I went to breakfast. You can't hate that. I got to see people, visit with friends and have a great breakfast.

Spoke with Lynn the other day. She does better and is getting out again. Will see her soon one of these days.

Heard from an old friend the other day. We roomed together one summer in New York City of all places. We went to Harper College together in the '60s. Takes one back a ways. He married another friend who he was actually dating way back then. There is hope yet for long-term relationships. Love is not dead, I don't care what they say.

Thursday, the 22nd is our grandson's birthday. Happy Birthday David III.

Also on the 22nd, ACA will meet at the Waterford Library from 10 to 11 a.m. This is an open discussion meeting. FMI please call 739-9115.

Tuesday, the 27th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. there is a program on Ticks and Lyme Disease at the Harper Center in the Ripley Medical Building, Norway. Free. Pre-registration is required. FMI 866-609-5183.

That is all for this week. Looking forward to more warmer weather. I love Spring. This past week has been perfect. Warm and sunny and No Bugs!

Who could ask for anything more. Have a great week and enjoy the warmth.

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Good mornin' dear readers-- It's 36 degrees with gray skies and raining, the snow

is all but gone.

Was greeted by two large turkeys and one deer this morning grazing in the back field. Yesterday there were seven deer grazing in the back field. Such an awesome sight to see so much wildlife grazing or passing thru the back yard on a daily basis.

Received a nice phone call from Cleo Ryerson the first of the week.

Monday of last week Craig, April, Yogi and I drove to Stratton/Eustis area to visit with our grandson T.C. and his girlfriend, Michelle. The guys loaded T.C.'s sled into the truck; we then drove into Rangeley where we all enjoyed lunch at the Red Onion. It was a beautiful day for a ride and to get some quality time with all the kids.

Get well wishes are going out to Clifford Bragg and Nelson Wing. Speedy recovery to you both.

Yogi and I drove down to visit with George and Brenda DeWitt one day last week. George is doing great after his lung surgery last May. He set in with the band on Wednesday at the Veteran's Home.

On the 18th "Lolalee" & The Country Bandits entertained in Naples at the Legion Post 155 for the afternoon along

with several other entertainers.

Mark Thurlow stopped by to talk with Yogi briefly yesterday.

This is going to be a short column this week. Stay well, enjoy each day to the fullest.

Quote for the week: "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant."

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



The Woodstock Historical Society met at the Town Conference Room on Saturday, March 10. A potluck supper was enjoyed with a meeting and program. Next meeting in April will be at the Museum. New members are always welcome.

A group of ladies traveled to the Portland Flower Show on Saturday, March 10. They stopped for lunch at the Cole Farm. An enjoyable time was had. The flowers were very pretty.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting. Sunday, March 25, there will be no evening service, as members are traveling to Hill Baptist Church, Augusta, for a special service at 4 p.m.

The bus will leave the Baptist Church at 2:15 p.m. Ladies New England Conference will be held April 13 and 14 at Victory Baptist Church, Londonderry, N.H. See Paula Jones if you are interested in going.

A delicious cookout was held at the morning service on March 10, then afternoon service was held instead of the evening service.

Ken and I wish to thank each one for the cards and calls of sympathy we received for the death of his sister.

Remember Town Meeting is on Monday, March 26.

Next Senior Citizens meeting is April 5 with Daughters of Union Veterans putting on the dinner.

WMSC: Healthy Eating for Older Adults

"Eating for Healthy Aging" is the topic of a program to be presented by Pat Watson, Registered Dietitian, on Thursday, March 29, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel. "To Your Health" of Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC) offers this program to respond to many requests for nutritional needs of aging.

Pat Watson said, "Healthy eating and being fit are important to your health no matter how old you are."

She added that she is excited to have been asked to speak on nutrition and healthy aging and encourages interested persons to join her for a discussion geared to the special nutrient needs of older adults. Her topic will include planning nutritious meals for one or two people, maintaining a healthy weight as you age, and getting more fiber into your diet. She will also cover the important foods and nutrients for your body and how much you should be eating. She will allow time for questions and will have a variety of handouts and simple recipes available.

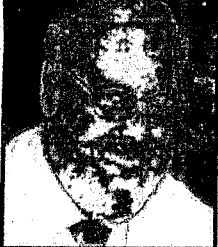
Pat Watson, a Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator, has a Masters Degree in Nutritional Sciences. An employee of Stephens Memorial Hospital (SMH), Norway, for 22 years, she currently serves as the Director of Food and Nutrition Services as well as dietitian for the hospital's diabetes education program. Her experience includes public health, long-term care, and that of a college professor. In 2010, the Maine Dietetic Association honored her as the Outstanding Dietitian of the Year.

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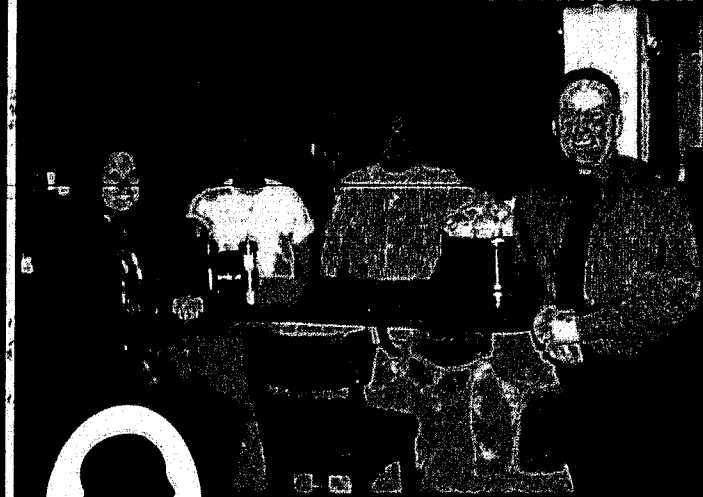
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Learning Resource Center of SMH also collaborated on this program. WMSC, with the motto "Ten Years and Still Learning," is celebrating its tenth anniversary of bringing learning resources to its membership. "To Your Health" has been offering health information of concern to the community for six of these years.

All To Your Health programs are open to the public and admission is free. For more information, call R. Tift at 824-2053.

WMNF Artist in Residence

The White Mountain National Forest and the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire are pleased to announce the second year of the White Mountain National Forest Artist-in-Residence program.

Interested artists in all media are invited to apply for the 2012 residency, a celebration of the connections between forest, landscape, and culture. The deadline for applications is April 20.

The WMNF Artist in Residence program offers professional and emerging artists from around the country (visual and performing artists, craftspeople, writers, composers, eco artists and media artists) an opportunity to pursue their particular art form while being inspired by the surrounding forest and, on several occasions, sharing their work and their artistic process with members of the public.

The goal of the residency program is to use art and creative expression to explore the many ways in which people relate to forests in general, and to the White Mountain National Forest in particular.

During the second year of the Artist in Residence program, one artist residency of at least three weeks will be offered between July and September.

The focus of the program is to provide an opportunity for the selected artist to spend an extended time in the Forest, creating work and sharing it during a weekly public session, when visitors can learn more about (or possibly participate in) the artistic process, and be encouraged to think about the connection between art, the forest, and conservation. Public programs may include demonstrations, talks, exploratory walks or hikes, or performances, based on the medium, interest, and experience of the artist.

The artist will be provided lodging in rustic accommodations on the Forest as well as limited reimbursement of travel expenses and the cost of supplies and materials.

The program was inaugurated last year, in honor of the 100th anniversary of passage of the Weeks Act, a milestone in American conservation history that enabled the federal government to purchase land in the eastern U.S., leading to the creation of the White Mountain National Forest and more than 50 other national forests.

Painter James Kao, who teaches at the Art Institute of Chicago, was selected as the first Artist in Residence. Find more information and an application for the program at www.aannh.org, or contact the Arts Alliance at Frumie@aannh.org, (603) 323-7302.



CORDIS QUARTET TO PERFORM—A group that has been redefining contemporary chamber music by fusing an original combination of custom-made and traditional ethnic instruments to create their signature sound will close out the 2011-2012 Gould Performing Arts Series, presented by the Mahoosuc Arts Council, April 3 at 7 p.m. at Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy, 45 Church Street. The group will also be presented to the students at the Telstar Middle and High schools April 4. Area home schoolers are welcome to attend. Although the ensemble is built upon cello (Jeremy Harman), concert cimbalom (Richard Grimes), piano (Brian O'Neill), and percussion (Andrew Beall), one-of-a-kind creations such as the electric mbira, melodica, and the world's longest playing cylinder-driven music box also have a way of weaving their way into any given performance. The group is also known to integrate multimedia elements such as projections and lights. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors 65+ and \$5 for children under 12. School performances are free for all students to attend. FML: www.mahoosucarts.org, info@mahoosucarts.org or 824-3575.



ROTARIAN RECOGNIZED—Bethel Rotarian Mike Steven was named "Ambassador of Peace" at Rotary District 7780's World Understanding and Peace Dinner. Mike was nominated by the Rotary Club of Bethel based on his community and international service. From left: Bruce Powell, President-Elect, presents Steven the award. (Photo: J. Arizzi)

Mt. Valley Rec Basketball championship

LBI is the 2012 MV Rec Basketball Champions as they fought off a game Bethel Bobcats team, 79-67. Bethel was intent on retaining their 2011 crown and was formidable throughout the game. LBI used balanced scoring, as they did all year and strong man to man defense. They were able to shoot a higher percentage in the second half, which Bethel could not match.

The first half was close as Bethel was only down by one at the break 36-35. The first eight minutes were tentative, as neither team seemed to develop a momentum. They traded leads throughout the first half.

In the beginning of the second half, LBI used a couple of fast break opportunities and poor shooting by their opponents to go out to a seven point lead. From there, they gradually built the lead to double digits and never looked back. The closest Bethel could manage was a seven-point deficit late in the game, but again shooting woes plagued them. They were relegated to fouling to stop the clock, but couldn't convert their opportunities, as LBI built their lead back to double digits.

LBI's Eric Canwell was a monster at both ends of the floor and on the glass. He finished with a game high 27 points and 4 threes, several from beyond NBA range. He was supported by Scot New with 14 points, Brian Canwell 11, Tyler Chaisson and Owen Jones with 10 each. Bethel's Ryan Savage, who was instrumental all year with his floor leadership, continued his improved outside shooting and led his team with 19 points and 3 threes. Matt Zetts was next with 13 points and Sean Caddigan had 12.

With the end of this year's season, teams are now gearing up for the annual MV Rec Invitational Tournament, which takes place March 30, 31 and April 1st. Both of these finalists will enter a team in the tournament. The Mountain Valley Rec League, in appreciation for the use of the gym at Mountain Valley High School and Middle School, will make a \$300 donation to the Mountain Valley Athletic Boosters during the upcoming tournament to support the fund-raising cause.

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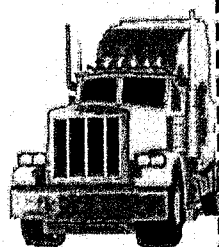


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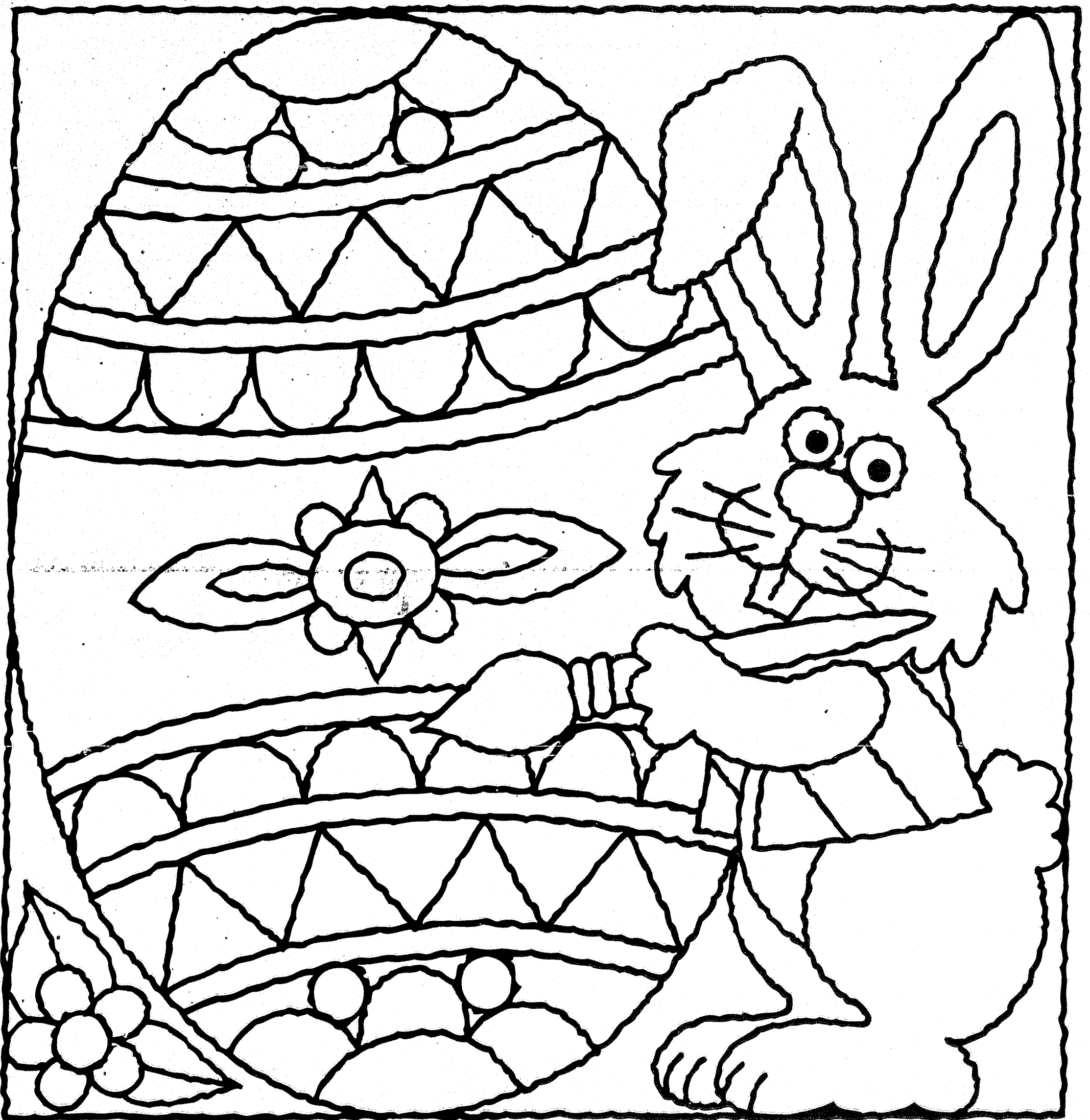
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by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

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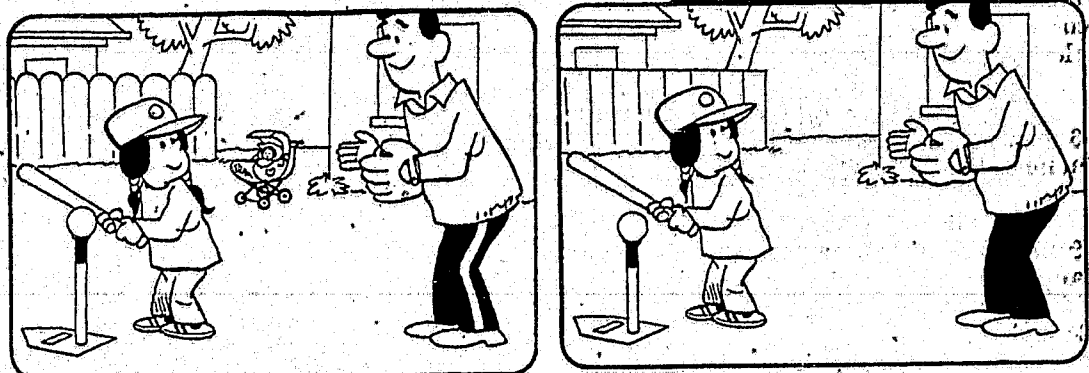
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



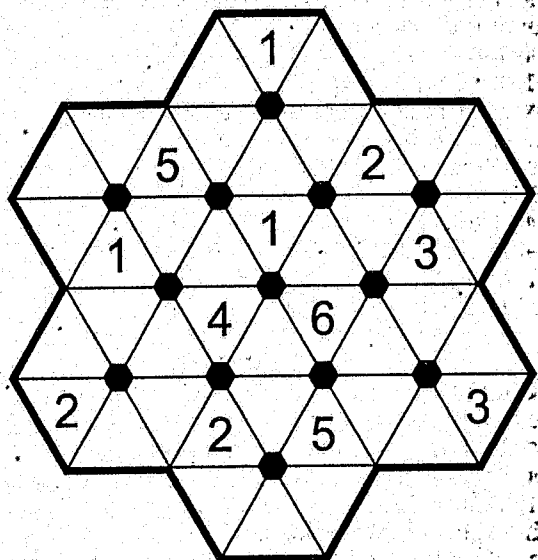
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

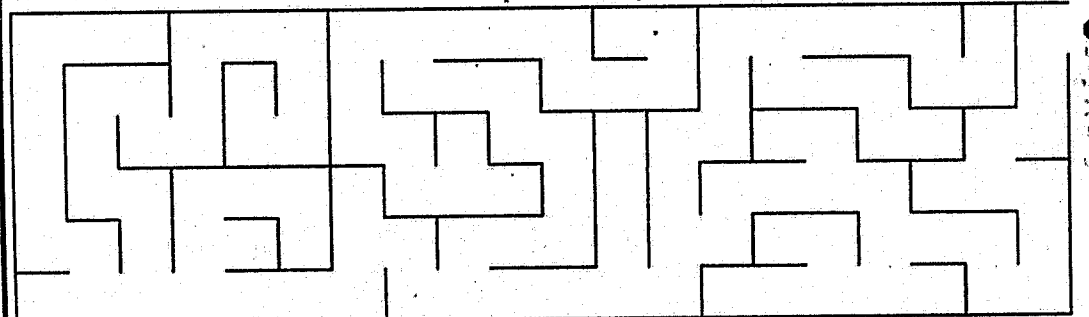


DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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Kids' Maze

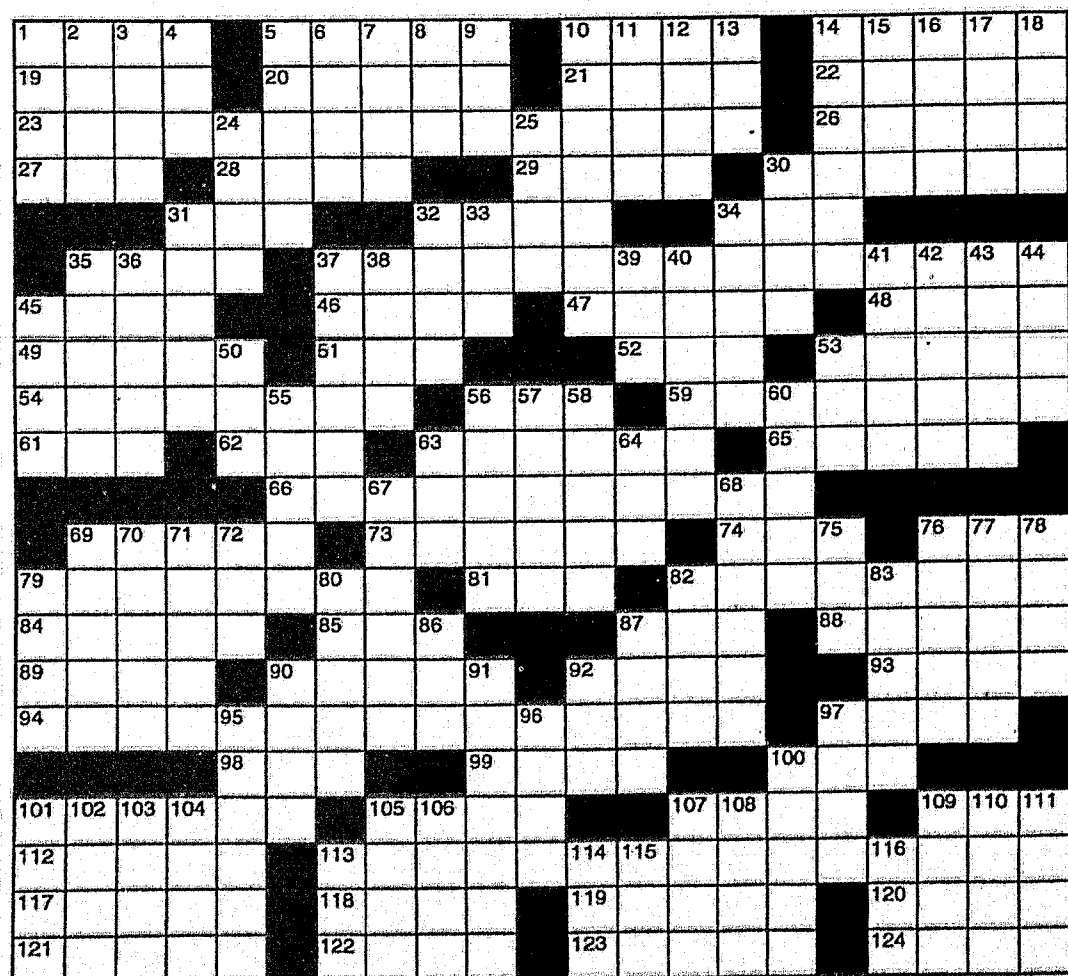


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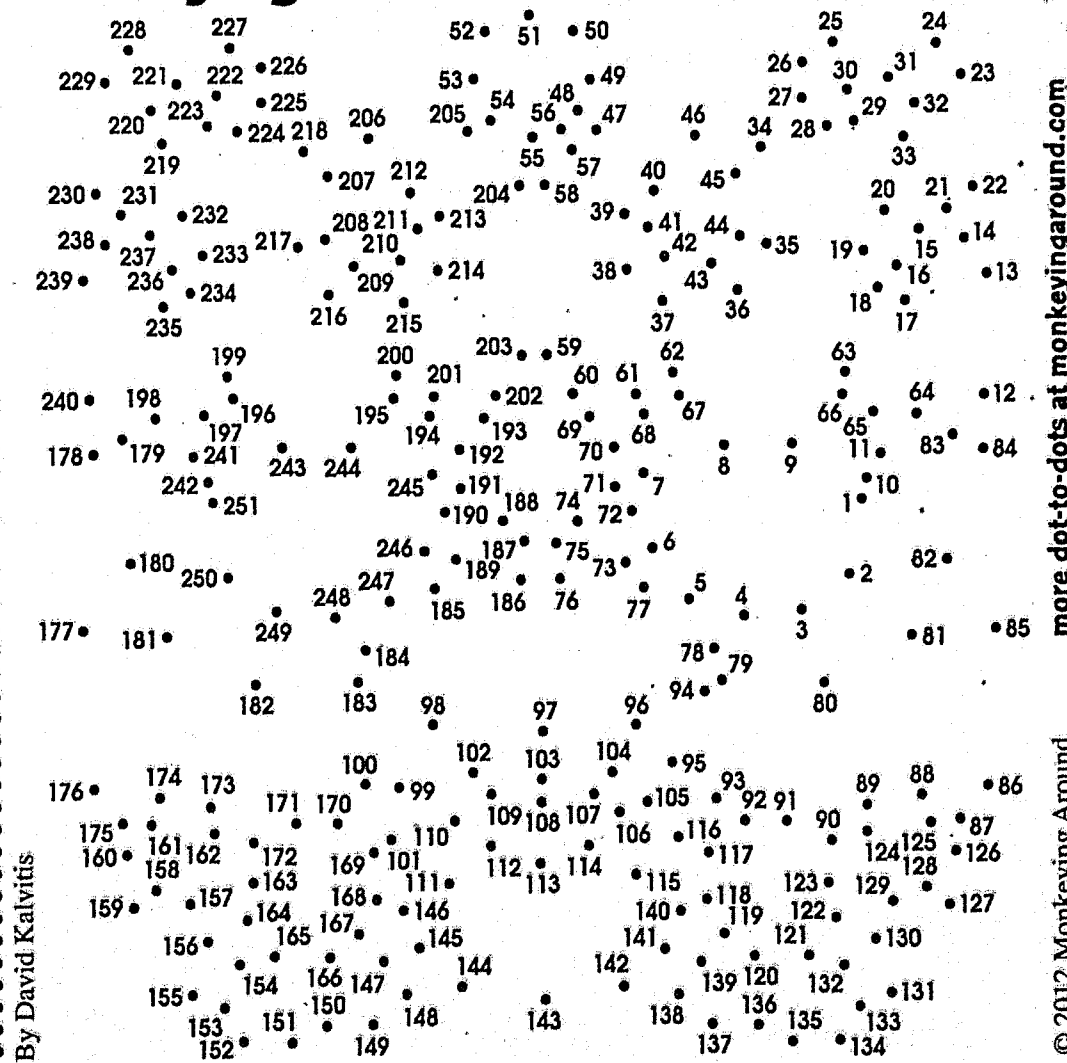
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 - 40 Craving
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 - 49 Nore's instrument
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 - 52 Fall flower
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 - 71 Jels and Sharks
 - 72 Opening
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 - 78 Mississippi or Missouri
 - 79 New York city
 - 80 Bk. offerings
 - 81 It's in the bag
 - 82 Skilled
 - 83 Romeo and Juliet
 - 84 Banjo locale
 - 85 Grouch
 - 86 Register
 - 87 Hogan or Hindemith
 - 88 Perfect
 - 89 Word with baby or snake
 - 90 Horner's fruit
 - 91 Sensed
 - 92 New Jersey town
 - 93 Adversary
 - 94 One who no's best?
 - 95 "What a relief!"
 - 96 Charlatan
 - 97 Uncool
 - 98 Hard to find
 - 99 Miasma
 - 100 Portend
 - 101 Rohmer or Carmen
 - 102 Sign of sanctity
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 - 104 Carpenter's tool
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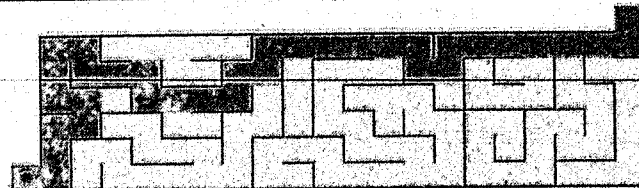
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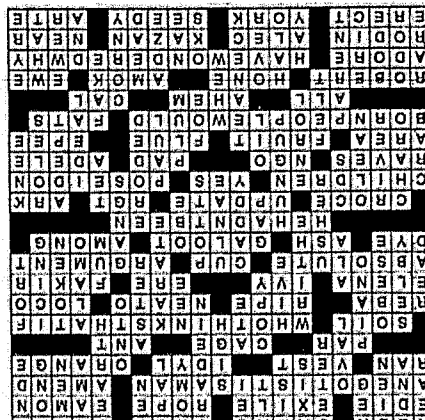
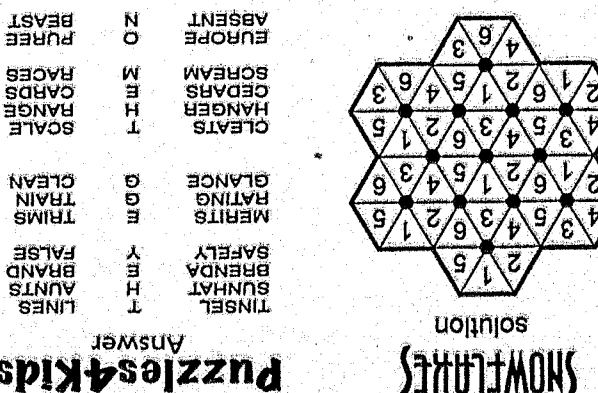
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Kids' Maze Solution



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Community Calendar

Wednesdays thru April 4

4 to 6 p.m. - **School Gardening 101, A Garden Primer**, sponsored by UMaine Cooperative Extension at Mountain Valley High School in Rumford. No charge. Pre-registration required: call Extension office (743-6329) or e-mail Lesley Quick at lesley.quick@maine.edu

Thursdays thru April 19

6 p.m. - **Potluck Supper**, Wilkins Community House, Plummer Hill Road, Waterford.

Thursday and Friday, March 22 and 23

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **American Cancer Society Daffodils Days Campaign** at Bethel Foodliner. Volunteers will sell bouquets of daffodils both days: \$10 for 10 daffodils. FMI: Caroline Gould 824-3226.

Saturday, March 24

27th Annual Maine Handicapped Ski-A-Thon (now Maine Adaptive Sports) at Sunday River Ski Resort.

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Western Maine Fly Fishing Expo**, Bethel Inn Conference Center, sponsored by Mollycoddett Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Upper Andro Anglers Alliance. Admission: \$5 adults/free 15 and under. FMI: www.westernmaineflyfishingexpo.com or call 824-3694 or e-mail questions to fish@upperandro.com.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Friends of Soccer Bottle Drive**, SAD 44 Bus Garage and Wheeler's Redemption Center, Bethel, Woodstock Elementary School, and Andover (call for location). Proceeds benefit all soccer programs in SAD 44 area. FMI and pick-up: 890-5441.

10:30 a.m. - **Oxford County Retired Teachers meeting**, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Business meeting 11 a.m., noon lunch, 12:45 program, "Living Through the LePage Era Financially." Use side entrance. FMI/reserve lunch: 743-7677.

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - **Ham and Baked Bean Public Supper**, Bethel Masonic Lodge, Chapman Street. Cost: \$8 adults; \$4 children 5-12; 5 and under free. FMI: Brent Angevine (557-2082) or Todd Davis (824-8282).

Sunday, March 25

Community Ski Day for SAD 44 residents, Sunday River Ski Resort. Ski and rent equipment free. Also, participate for free in Adult Learn to Ski/Ride Clinics (ages 15-plus). Pre-registration required. 50 percent discount on food and beverages.

10 a.m. - **22nd Annual Eat the Heat Chili Cookoff and Firefighters' Race** starts at Sunday River Ski Resort White Cap Base Lodge. Event is a fundraiser for Maine Handicapped Skiing.

AWANA Alumni Grand Prix, Pleasant Valley Bible Church, 407 Flat Road, West Bethel. Get your kit, build your car: Sparks first, Leaders and Alumni race together after on March 25 at 6:30 p.m. Call 836-2828 or 824-2037 to register and arrange to pick up kit (\$3).

2 p.m. - **St. Kieran Arts Center Performing Arts Series** presents world-champion fiddler Richard Wood with Gordon Belcher. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$6 students. FMI: (803) 752-1028 or visit office at 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H.

Monday, March 26

11 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. - **American Red Cross Blood Drive/Bone Marrow Drive** at AVH Lecture Room, Androscoggin Valley Hospital, 56 Page Hill Road, Berlin, N.H. FMI/Appointment: (603) 326-5606 or (603) 326-5607.

4 to 5 p.m. - **Response to Intervention (RTI) Academic and**

Response to Intervention (RTI) Behavior, USM graduate certificate programs for practicing teachers and administrators at Western Maine University College Center, 232 Main Street, South Paris. FMI/reserve seat: 743-9322.

7 p.m. - **Woodstock Town Meeting** at Woodstock Elementary School.

Tuesday, March 27

5:30 to 7 p.m. - **Ticks and Lyme Disease in Maine**, Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Building (193 Main Street), Norway. Free. Pre-registration required: (866) 609-5183.

Tuesdays, March 27 and April 3

6 to 7:30 p.m. - **Beyond Backyard Gardening - Growing Produce for Profit** classes at Cooperative Extension office, South Paris. Cost for 3 sessions: \$15. Pre-registration required (743-6329 or (800) 287-1482 or e-mail Lesley.quick@maine.edu).

Tuesdays, March 27-May 1

1 to 3:30 p.m. - **Living Well for a Better Health** at Boardroom, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway. Cost: \$10 per person, scholarships available. Registration required. FMI/Registration: (866) 609-5183.

Wednesday, March 28

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **Community Supper** (no charge) at Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 824-2289 for details.

Thursday, March 29

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **"Eating for Healthy Aging"** presented by Pat Watson, Registered Dietitian, at West Parish Congregational Church, 32 Church Street. Program offered by Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC). Open to public. Free. FMI: R. Tift 824-2053.

6 to 6:45 p.m. - **Public Hearing** by Cooperative Board of Region 9 School of Applied Technology proposed budget FY 2013 at Telstar High School Lecture Hall. Another public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Region 9 Cafeteria, Mexico. All Region 9 citizens encouraged to attend.

Friday, March 30

7 to 8:30 p.m. - **Spanish Chocolateria** at Norway Memorial Library, 258 Main Street. Open to public. Pick up free ticket (required) through March 28. Donations appreciated.

Saturday, March 31

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **MidKnight Market and Trade Show**, Bruce M. Whittier Middle School, Poland Regional High School, 1457 Maine Street, Route 26, Poland. FMI: Michelle 998-4013. Free admission.

9:30 a.m. - **Trout Sale/Farm Pond Construction/ Trout Stocking Workshop**, Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District, 17 Olson Road, South Paris. Pre-registration preferred. Fee: \$5 per workshop. Application and trout order form, OCSWCD, e-mail jean.federico@me.nacdn.net, or call 743-5789 Ext. 111, or online www.oxfordswcd.net.

5 to 6:30 p.m. - **Benefit Dinner** at American Legion Post 68, Greenwood. 50/50 raffle, and giveaways. Cost: \$8 adults/\$4 children under 12. Proceeds will be split between fire departments to help fund First Responder Class beginning March 24.

7 p.m. - **Gilead Town Meeting** at Town Hall.

7 to 9 p.m. - **Circus Ole! And Feast of Fools**, Four Seasons Conference Center, 187 Main Street, South Paris. Tickets: advance \$8 adult/12 and under \$6 or door \$10/\$8. Advance tickets

at Maine Bookhouse, 1545 Main Street, Oxford or Fareshar Market, 445 Main Street, Norway. FMI: 824-3575.

Sunday, April 1

2 p.m. - **"Women Were Pioneers, Too!"** presented by Judi Lamb at West Paris Public Library. Lamb portrays here great great-great grandmother, Eunice Lakeman. Free and open to public.

Monday, April 2

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Socrates Cafe** gathering at Waterford Library. Topic of forum: "Will Technology Save Us? Do Us In?" FMI: 583-6957 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us

Tuesday, April 3

10:30 to 11:15 a.m. p.m. - **Portland Symphony Orchestra Kinderkonzert Series** (for children 3 to 7) but all welcome Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street Fryeburg Academy campus. Tickets: \$4 pp may be purchased online at www.fryeburgacademy.org or box office (935-9232) Parking free.

7 p.m. - **The Cordis Quartet**, presented by Mahoosuc Arts Council as part of Gould Performing Arts Series at Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy. Tickets: \$15 adults/\$10 seniors 65 and older/\$5 for under 12. The group performs at Telstar Regional High and Middle schools and for home-schooled and district charter school students on April 4. FMI: 824-3575 or info@mahoosucarts.org or www.mahoosucarts.org.

Wednesday, April 4

4 p.m. - **McLaughlin Garden Lecture Series** presents Jeff O'Donal of O'Donal's Nursery in Gorham, Maine, to talk about Maine's own Barth daylilies, their history and what makes them special for Maine Gardens. Free and open to public. FMI 743-8820.

Wednesdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2 and 9

10 to 11:30 a.m. - **Active Parenting**, six-week parenting group at Norway Savings Bank, 1 Park Street, Bethel. For parents of children 5 through 12. Cost: \$15. Scholarships and fee waivers available for qualifying families. FMI/Register: Tammy Beaulieu 739-6547 or Hallie Twomey 333-6425. Note: no childcare available.

Thursday, April 5

Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens meeting. Daughters of Union Veterans putting on dinner.

7:30 p.m. - **Rory Block**, legendary Blues Artist performs at Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy campus. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$10 seniors (65+), \$10 students may be purchased online at www.fryeburgacademy.org or box office (935-9232) Parking free.

Mondays, April 9 and 23

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** for adults 19 and over at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. FMI: (800) 281-3703 or visit http://meoc.maine.edu

Tuesday, April 10

10 to 11:30 a.m. - **"How To Access Business Capital Today"** offered by Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce and Oxford Hills SCORE at Bethel Inn Resort. Cost: \$15 chamber members and \$20 all others. FMI/Register: 824-2282 or (800) 442-5826.

Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14

Kora Shrine Annual Shrine Circus, The Androscoggin Bank Colisee, 190 Birch Street, Lewiston. Shows: Friday 4 and 1 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. FMI: 783-2009.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Municipal

Bethel Selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilpad Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 5:30 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

Organizations

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.— TOPS at Bethel Alliance Church (weigh-in 5:30-6).

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.—Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Lisa Fox. FMI: call 824-2520.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth

Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. - Guided One-Hour Walking Tour of Historic Bethel Hill. Meet at bell tower on north end of common. Free but donations accepted. FMI: 824-2908.

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Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris

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Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. The Yet To be Named Banjo Club practices in the Commons Room of the Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2580.

Fridays 9:15 a.m.—Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

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EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

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VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

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Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

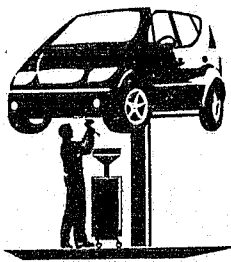
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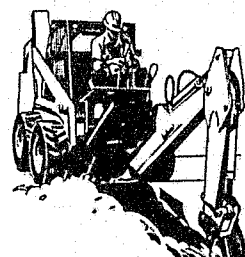
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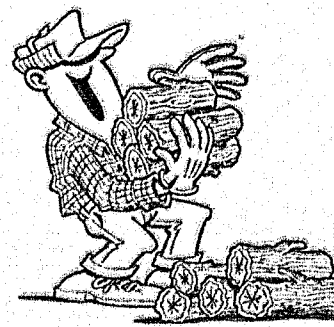
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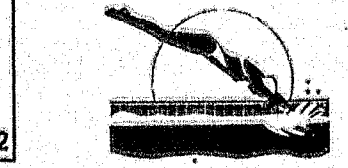
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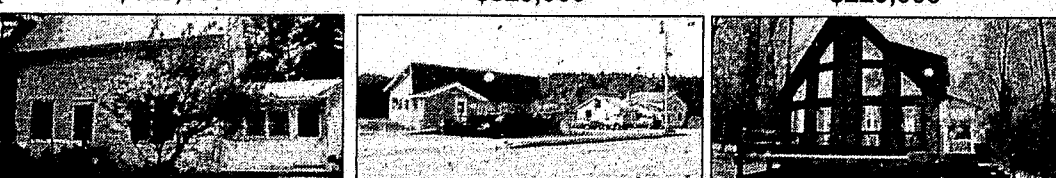
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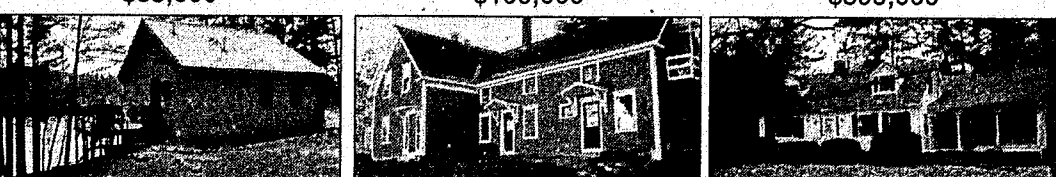
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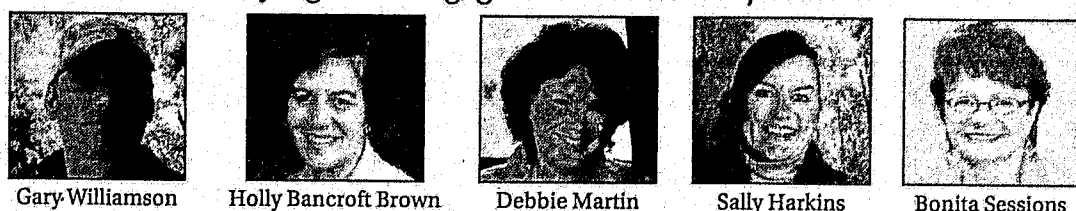
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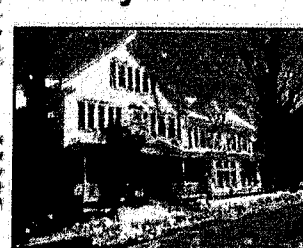
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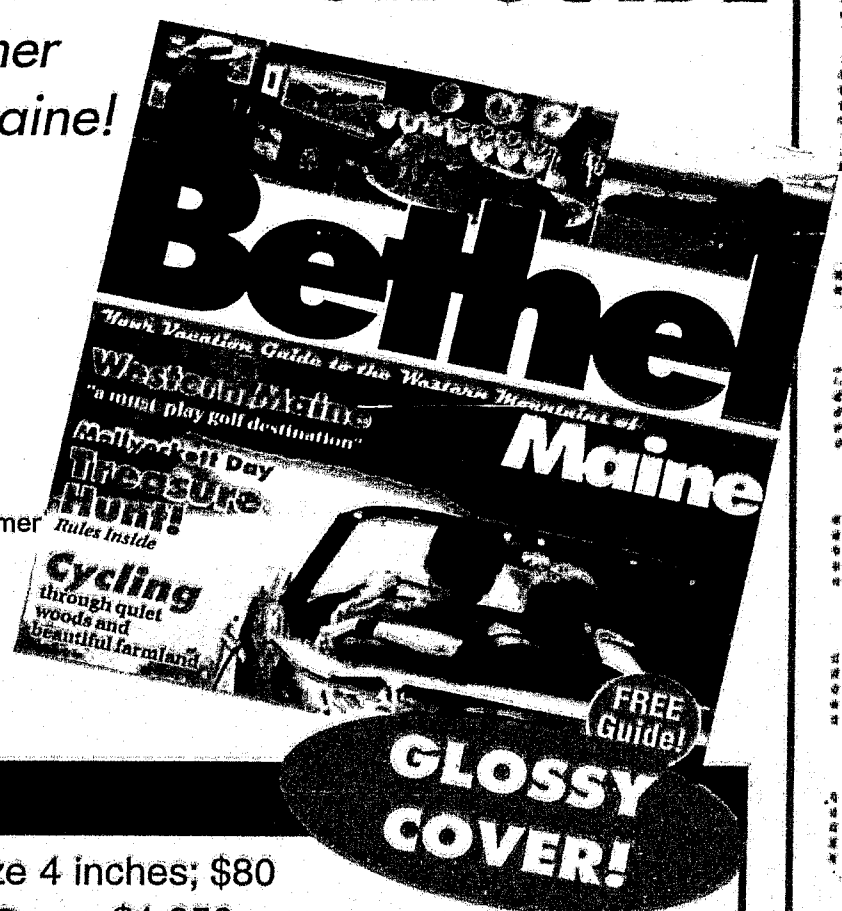
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Obituaries



MARY C. RICE
KENISTON

Mary C. Rice Keniston, beloved mother, grandmother and lifelong Bethel resident, joined the Lord in Heaven March 11, 2012 at home on her 91st birthday.

Mary was born to Millard and Frances Clough in 1921 and raised in Bethel, Maine. She attended Bethel schools and graduated from Gould Academy and Auburn Maine School of Commerce. She worked for L.E. Davis Lumber Co. and later Casco Bank & Trust as an Administrative Assistant for 20 years before retiring. Mary received the Henry H. Hastings Award in 1989 by the Bethel Chamber of Commerce. This award is given to a person that has sustained wide interest in serving the community. Mary was an active member of both the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel and the Albany Church, Bethel Historical Society where she volunteered a lot of her time, Gould Academy Alumni Association and the Songo Pond Cemetery Association.

Mary's greatest joy was her family. She married Rufus E. Rice in 1941 and raised 4 children. Her times of greatest enjoyment were spent with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. When she married Earlon "Lefty" Keniston in

1973, she welcomed his daughter and family as her own. She was an excellent cook and her family can attest to her delicious spaghetti and meatballs every Christmas and nothing beat Nannie's mincemeat and strawberry-rhubarb pies! She loved to watch sports and cheered the Patriots along with her family and friends. She was also quite savvy on the computer. Even in her nineties she kept in touch on a daily basis with her family in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Maine. She took great pride in being a life-long resident of Bethel and enjoyed being a part of the community. She was known by most and if you were out and about with her in town, she would stop and talk to almost everyone she met! Lastly, Mary loved her little home on Vernon Street and with great thanks to her caregivers, Jeanine Buck and Cheryl Burnham, Mary was able to remain in her beloved home until her passing.

Mary is survived by her son Douglas and his wife Sandra of Guilford, Conn., her daughter Donna Rice-Howe and her son Donald Rice, both of Waterford and stepdaughter Lona (Keniston) and her husband Carl Meaux of Florida. Nannie will be greatly missed by her nine grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Mary was predeceased by Rufus Rice, her first husband, in 1969, Earlon Keniston, her second husband, in 2006 and her youngest daughter Sally Rice Twitchell in 1988, her sisters Maxine Brown and Ida Bryant and her brother Fillmore "Bud" Clough. Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

A memorial service to celebrate Mary's life will be held on March 31 at 11 a.m. preceded with visiting hours at 10 a.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Songo Pond Cemetery Association, c/o Norma Salway, Box 245, Albany, ME 04217, in Mary's name.

Engagements



Putnam-Presby

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Learned of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Mary Putnam, to Peter Presby, son of the late Joseph W. Presby, Sr. and the late Rita L. Presby of Old Orchard Beach.

The future bride graduated from Telstar High School in 1987 and Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing in 2010. She is employed as a Registered Nurse at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway.

The future groom graduated from Old Orchard Beach high school in 1987 and US Navy Apprenticeship class of 2005. He is employed as a Machinist at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

A May 5, 2012 wedding is planned in Andover.

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - Elisabeth Pollack (in sled) celebrated her birthday recently with her first dogsledding adventure. Pollack is from So. Paris and was a real estate appraiser in the Bethel area for a number of years. She was given the adventure at Mahosuc Guide Service as a birthday present by local friends. Polly Mahoney (center), co-owner of Mahosuc Guide Service, drove the dog team and sled. She and co-owner Kevin Slater (left) said Elisabeth is the most-senior guest they have ever had.

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